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SUBJ: QUEEN MOTHER FREE TO LEAVE CAMBODIA

1. CHENG HENG INFORMED US OCTOBER 10 THAT ALL FOUR MEMBERS OF THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT THE QUEEN MOTHER SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE CAMBODIA IF SHE SO DESIRES. HE SAID THAT THE COUNCIL HOPES THAT, IF SHE LEAVES, SHE WILL GO TO FRANCE, WHERE SHE MIGHT LURE SIHANOUK AWAY FROM THE CHINESE, BUT THEY WOULD ALSO ACQUIESCE IN HER GOING TO PEKING.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL NGUON CHHAY KRY TOLD US TODAY (OCTOBER 11) THAT, BEFORE GRANTING THE QUEEN AN EXIT VISA, THE GKR WILL REQUIRE A WRITTEN REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY STATING THAT THEY WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE RISKS OF THE JOURNEY.

3. FRENCH CHARGE SERRE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE GKR ON THE ARRANGEMENTS. CALMETTE HOSPITAL CHEIF DR. REVIL TELLS US THAT THE TRIP WOULD NOT BE DANGEROUS AS LONG AS
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QUALIFIED DOCTORS AND BASIC MEDICAL EQUIPMENT ARE AVAIL-

ABLE ON THE PLANE IN WHICH SHE TRAVELS.
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